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Senator Laura Toy Fights to Keep Jobs in Michigan

Funding Available to Save Livonia Call Center Jobs

LANSING -- The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has made aid and incentives available to Northwest Airlines if they keep their Livonia reservations call center open, says state Senator Laura Toy (R-Livonia).

Northwest Airlines announced last month its plans to close the Livonia call center, eliminating 588 Michigan jobs. Employees were given the option to transfer to other call centers, but all were located in other states.

"These jobs are critical to the Wayne County economy and its citizens," said Toy. "I am tremendously pleased that the MEDC has offered assistance and hopeful that Northwest Airlines will see the value in keeping these jobs in Michigan."

The MEDC announced today that it will offer Northwest Airlines a MEGA award valued at approximately \$14 million, as well as job training assistance if they agree to keep the call center and jobs in Michigan.

Senator Toy has been working closely with the MEDC to come up with a way to save these jobs since the planned call center closure was announced last month. In an effort to keep these jobs in Michigan, Sen. Toy and the governor continues to work with Northwest through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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